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BANGKOK FOR RLO ERHMAN

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SUBJ: OPERATION OF POST LANGUAGE PROGRAM

REF: A. ADVICE OF ALLOTMENT, FSI-101, DECEMBER 19,
1974

B. SINGAPORE 3619

1. FY 1975 STATE DIRECT/SHARED ALLOTMENT OF
\$1,000 (REF A), REDUCED FROM \$1,269 IN FY 1974, IS NOT
SUFFICIENT TO MEET NEEDS OF LANGUAGE TRAINING NOW BEING
CONDUCTED AT POST. MANDARIN INSTRUCTION FOR FSOS AHLGREN
AND BIDDICK CURRENTLY SCHEDULED 2 HOURS PER WEEK EACH,
AND MANDARIN INSTRUCTION FOR FSO ENGELBRECHT SCHEDULED
4 HOURS PER MONTH. THIS INSTRUCTION WAS PROGRAMMED
EARLY IN FY AND POST HAS ALREADY EXPENDED APPROXIMATELY
\$700. ESTIMATED COST TO CONTINUE THIS INSTRUCTION
THROUGH JUNE 1975 IS ADDITIONAL \$530, FOR FY TOTAL OF
\$1,230, OR \$230 OVER ALLOTMENT.

2. IN ADDITION, EMBASSY PLO HAS RECEIVED TWO
REQUESTS FOR GROUP INSTRUCTION. ONE OFFICER AND TWO
DEPENDENTS WOULD LIKE TO FORM BEGINNING MALAY CLASS
FOR 4-5 HOURS PER WEEK. MARINE SECURITY GUARD DETACH-
MENT REQUESTS BEGINNING MANDARIN CLASS 4-5 HOURS PER
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WEEK FOR THREE MARINE PERSONNEL. ESTIMATED COST FOR

THESE TWO CLASSES THROUGH JUNE 1975 IS \$560 EACH (\$1,120).

3. REIMBURSABLE ALLOTMENT OF \$740 ALSO NOT SUFFICIENT.
FSO NANYANG STUDENT WILLIAMS EXPECTED TO USE APPROXIMATELY
\$550-600 OF THIS ALLOTMENT. EMBASSY WISHES REMIND FSI
THAT ADDITIONAL REIMBURSABLE ALLOTMENT OF \$563 FOR USIS
PUBLIC AFFAIRS TRAINEE KARL OLSSON WAS REQUESTED BY
REF B AND APPROVED BY USIA. OLSSON HAS BEEN RECEIVING
PRIVATE INSTRUCTION IN MANDARIN SINCE NOVEMBER 1974 AT
APPROXIMATE COST TO DATE OF \$120.

4. REQUEST FSI ADVISE EMBASSY ASAP IF ADDITIONAL
FUNDS AVAILABLE TO CONTINUE POST LANGUAGE INSTRUCTION
AND INITIATE NEW GROUP CLASSES AS ABOVE.
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